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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1790**  
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**WORLD CLASS CENTER FOR MILLETS**

1790 **MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:**

Will the Minister of *Agriculture and Farmers Welfare* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a plan to set up a world-class center in Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) for increasing production of millets under Shri Anna Yojana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the financial and technical assistance that are planned to be provided by Government to the farmers producing millets?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE**  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

**(a) and (b):** Yes Sir. Finance Minister in her Budget Speech of 2023-24 has already announced to make Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad as a Global Centre for Excellence for Research & Development in Millets (Shree Anna) for increasing the production of Millets. The activities planned for this purpose include setting up of Millets Gene Bank for Conservation and Utilization of Trait-specific Biodiversity, Technology Innovation Centre for Crop Improvement, Nutri-cereal Analytical, Food Safety and Quality Assurance National Referral Laboratory, Centre of Excellence for Millet Value Chain and Business Facilitation for Entrepreneurship, Incubation and Startup Nurturing, International Knowledge, Skill Development and Capacity Enablement Centre with International Millet Museum, Millet Pilots on Feed, Fodder, Biofuels, Malting, Brewing and Regional Millet Technology Innovation and Outreach Hubs.

**(c):** Government is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM) Nutri-Cereals (Millets/ Shree Anna) with the objective of increasing production through area expansion and productivity enhancement in all the districts of 28 states and 2 Union Territories (Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) including tribal regions of the country. Under NFSM-Nutri Cereals, assistance is given through state governments to farmers for interventions like cluster demonstrations on improved package of practices, demonstrations on cropping system, distribution of seeds of High Yielding Varieties (HYVs)/hybrids, improved farm machineries/resource conservation machineries/tools, efficient water application tools, plant protection measures, nutrient management/soil ameliorants, processing & post-harvest equipments, cropping system based trainings to the farmers etc. The mission also provides support to Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) & State Agricultural Universities (SAUs)/Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for technology back stopping and transfer of technology to the farmer under supervision of Subject Matter Specialists/Scientists. Further, Rs. 377.485 crore (Central Share) has been allocated under NFSM- Nutri Cereals during 2023-24 for providing assistance to farmers.

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